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At a joint meeting of the Columbus Horticultural Society and the Ohio State Horticultural Society, at Columbus, Ohio, September 5, 1895, the Committee on New Fruits reported as follows:

"**GRAPES.**—Your committee takes pleasure in reporting *Campbell's Early* as one of the finest in quality we have ever tasted. It gives every promise of being a good shipper. The bunches are of good size and very attractive in appearance.

(Signed) "ISAAC FREEMAN, NATHAN MOORE, L. B. PIERCE."

From PROF. S. B. HEIGES, U. S. Pomologist:

"U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF POMOLOGY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 11, 1894.

"*Mr. Geo. W. Campbell, Delaware, Ohio:*

"Your cluster of Campbell's Early was received September 5th, for which accept my sincere thanks. The cluster was undoubtedly a very fine one, reminding me of a small cluster of Black Hamburg as grown under glass. We found some of the berries to be an inch in diameter. The quality is remarkably fine, pulp sweet to the center, with small seeds easily detached from the pulp; the skin thin, yet remarkably tenacious, making it a very valuable shipper. Color a beautiful black, with heavy bloom."

From MR. W. N. IRWIN, Clerk in the Division of Pomology:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., September 12, 1894.

"I now write you in regard to the Campbell's Early Grape which we received on the 5th, and I must say that every one who saw and had an opportunity to test its fine qualities was delighted with it. . . . I really believe you have the grape that has more good points than any now in cultivation.

"I have been testing every new grape that I could buy in this market, but have found nothing that would equal Campbell's Early."

From report of Pomologist, SAMUEL B. HEIGES, for 1894, U. S. Department of Agriculture:

"**GRAPE.—CAMPBELL'S EARLY.** (*George W. Campbell, Delaware, Ohio.*)—A seedling of Moore's Early, crossed with pollen of a choice seedling that resulted from a cross of Muscat Hamburg on Belvidere. It is regarded by Mr. Campbell as the finest grape in all respects that he has produced in forty years of experimenting. Cluster large, shouldered, moderately compact, stem large, long, strong; berry large, nearly round, slightly elongated; black, with profuse, light blue bloom; skin thin, with slight pulpiness; flesh translucent, very tender and very juicy; flavor sweet, rich, aromatic; aroma delicate, not foxy; quality best, for both market and dessert. Season early."

Extracts from HON. ISIDOR BUSH, of St. Louis, Mo.:

"BUSHBURG, JEFFERSON CO., Mo., September 19, 1894.

"Merely to acknowledge receipt this day of your photo. of grape and leaves, also sample of two bunches yesterday, with thanks and delight. . . . The grape is magnificent. I can hardly express to you how pleased I am.

"Were I to write ever so much, I could not say half as much as I think and feel about your grape. It is the grape of the future, excelling all American grapes in its ensemble of qualities, and equal in beauty to the Black Hamburg. Your friend,

(Signed) "ISIDOR BUSH."

From E. B. LEWIS, a veteran fruit grower of Lockport, N. Y., September 15, 1894:

"The sample of your new grape received. I am delighted with the quality. *Much the best I ever tasted!*"

From HON. BENJ. G. SMITH, of Cambridge, Mass., of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society:

"September 10, 1896.

"In my judgment, I do not hesitate to say after careful, personal examination of Campbell's Early, with the assurance of its originator of its earliness and long-keeping qualities, it is a grape of great promise and the greatest acquisition thus far achieved in hardy grapes."

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CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE

From a photograph of a cluster weighing nineteen (19) ounces, grown in vineyard in year 1896,
and sent to Department at Washington, D. C.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY.



NOTHER season's experience confirms and strengthens the favorable opinion heretofore expressed about this grape, and we feel more confident than ever that it will prove superior in all important respects to any other now known, for general planting in all sections where any of our hardy, native varieties can be successfully grown.

Its strong, hardy, vigorous growth; thick, heavy, perfectly healthy foliage; very early ripening and abundant bearing of large and handsome clusters of excellent quality, combined with the most remarkable keeping and shipping qualities, form a combination equaled by no other grape within our knowledge.

Clusters larger than ever, and in greater abundance, have been produced the past season. The illustration accompanying this circular is from a photograph of a bunch sent to the Pomologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., which weighed nineteen ounces. Another on the same branch, weighed just one pound.

The past season it was the first to show color, in our entire collection, July 17th; perfectly colored August 15th. Its period of full maturity is from the middle to the last of August, according to the season, as nearly as could be observed, ripening with Moore's Early in the same locality, and under the same conditions. But unlike that variety, it has kept sound and perfect, both on and off the vine, for weeks after Moore's Early was decayed and gone.

Too much can hardly be said of the remarkable character of the berry of this grape. Its large size and great beauty, with thin, tenacious skin, firm, tender flesh of high excellence and uniform flavor from the skin to the center, from which its small seeds part so readily and easily that persons of refined taste need never swallow them, is certainly not exceeded, if equaled by any other variety.

In other respects, it has more than sustained its former high record, for it remained healthy and vigorous, retained its foliage, and ripened its crop perfectly without any spraying, where nearly all others lost their leaves early in the season and failed to perfect and ripen their fruit.

A few testimonials are added from entirely disinterested sources of very high character, to show in what estimation this grape is held by the most competent judges in various sections of the country.

Extracts from the *Rural New Yorker* of December 16, 1893:

"One of the bunches alluded to by Mr. Campbell was received October 9. It proves that the size of the berry, as shown in the photo-engraving, is not overdrawn.

"In the *R. N. Y.*'s judgment it is a delicious grape; one that combines all the qualities claimed for it by its originator.

"There is no acidity in the flesh about the seed, as there is in the Concord. As there is a growing and not ill-founded objection to swallowing grape-seeds, this is a strong point in its favor. It is a mild and yet richly-flavored grape, without a trace of foxiness that we can discover. The flesh is inclined to be meaty, with less pulp than the Concord. The seeds—of medium size and averaging three in number—part readily from the flesh. Here, again, it has a decided advantage over the Concord. It is a better grape than the Concord in these important respects, while its earlier maturity is of inestimable value."

Some clusters were sent to the *Rural New Yorker* in September, 1894, to which Mr. Carman replied as follows:

"The bunches received. I am really glad that I was the first to tell in print of this grand grape."

October 1, 1894, in a letter to Mr. Josselyn, Mr. Carman says:

"Our respected friend, Mr. Campbell, again sends me a bunch of Campbell's Early. This grape seems to me almost perfect. It is a grand grape."

From the *Rural New Yorker*, Oct. 20, 1894, in an article on Campbell's Early:

"The following notes were made as the result of a careful comparison with Concords: Skin firmer and more tenacious; more 'fat' under the skin; flesh more meaty, more tender, less pulp; scarcely a trace of acidity in the flesh about the seeds; sweeter, richer. A decidedly better grape in every way."

"Mr. Campbell also sent us, October 15, additional bunches of his Campbell's Early Grape. This was to show how well the grapes cling to the vines, and that it may answer for a late, as well as an early variety."

From the *Rural New Yorker*, March 9, 1895:

"Mr. Josselyn will be the introducer of Campbell's Early Grape, which in quality and appearance is the best native black grape we have ever seen."

From the *Rural New Yorker*, May 16, 1896.

"The past winter was one of exceptional severity. We do not know how low the mercury fell, but we do know that it touched eighteen degrees below zero. It is a great pleasure to be able to state that Campbell's Early—which we believe, though judging from too little knowledge possibly, will prove to be the best black grape at present known—without any protection, has not been injured in the least."